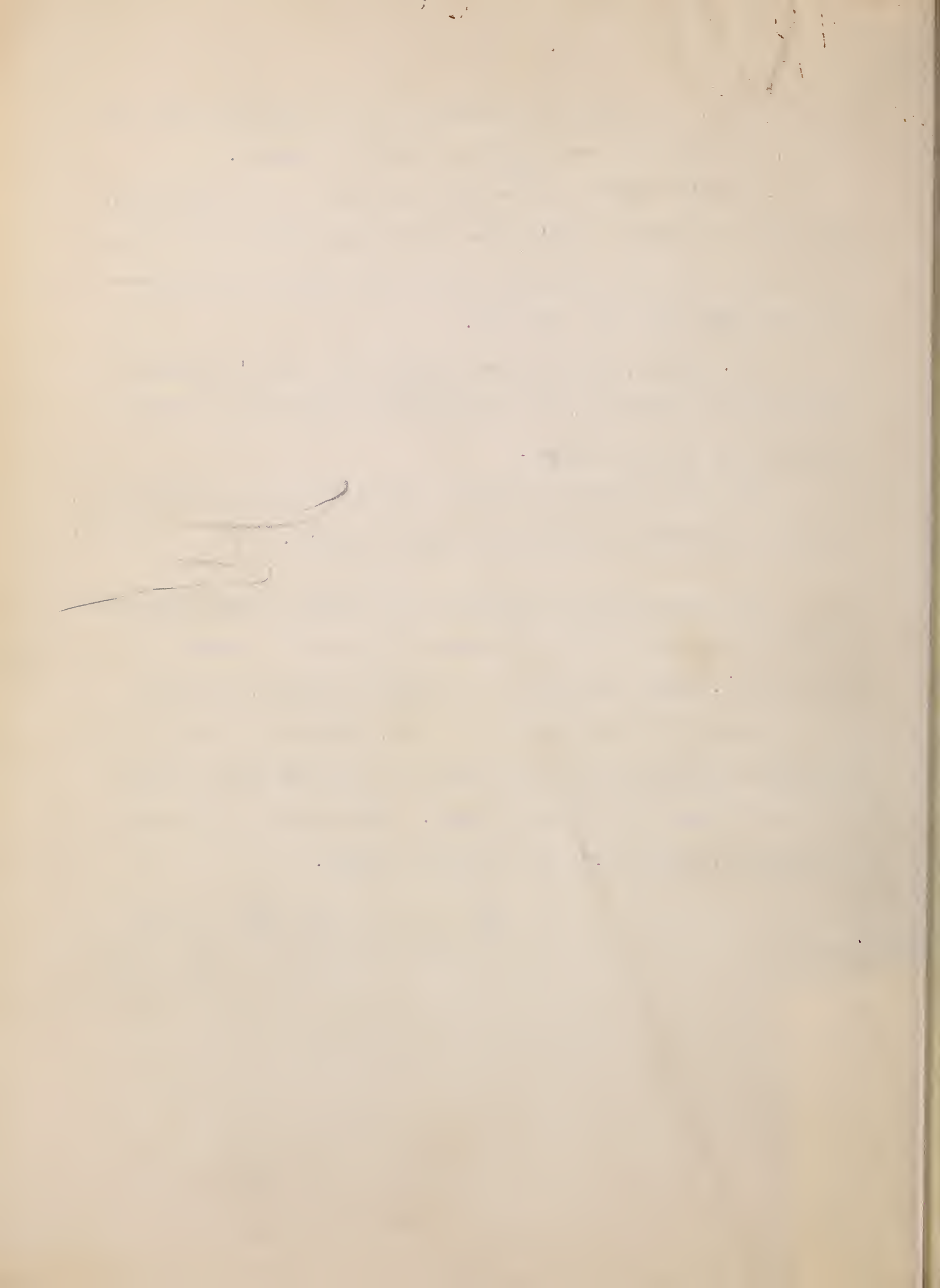


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## News Letter

vol.9, no.1, Jan.20, 1921

The Snead shelving for the new dark room in the basement recently assigned to the Department Library is now in place, but no books have been moved in as yet as the wooden wall shelving has not yet been completed.

Miss Edna Canfield, cataloguer in the Department Library, who has been absent for several weeks on account of ill health, will not return, as she is to be married the last of this month. She will live in Boston.

The appointment of Mrs. J. H. Graves, assistant in Farm Management Library, has been extended for three months, January-March.

Miss Anna Howard of the States Relations Service Library has been ill for about a week, suffering from general debility as the result of an attack of grippe. Since Miss Howard was living alone when taken sick it was considered best for her to go to a hospital where she could be properly looked after. The Doctor reports her progress as very satisfactory, so S.R.S. Library hopes to have her back before long.

S. R. S. Library is glad to report considerable progress on the collection and binding of a set of Station and Department publications for the Virgin Islands. For some months Miss Pennington and Mrs. Edmonds have worked intensively on this set, and they hope that Uncle Sam will not acquire another insular possession in the immediate future.

Miss Oberly sends the following note from B. P. I. "The attention of the library staff is called to a book which has recently appeared by Dr. E.F. Smith entitled "Introduction to bacterial diseases of plants". This is supposed to be a text book, but it contains a chapter "part V. General Observations" which is unique in scientific literature, and which all librarians are recommended to read. It gives not only an idea of the point of view of the scientific investigator in relation to his work and the literature of his subject, but acquaints the reader in a delightful and original way with the many sided personality of one of the Department's leading scientific men, who is also one of the most distinguished plant pathologists in the world. There is a sympathetic appreciation of this last chapter of Dr. Smith's book in Science for Dec. 17, 1920."

Miss Sherfy and Miss Florence Thompson of the B.A.I. Library cordially invite all members of the Library Staff to visit them in their new quarters, room 246, east wing.

Miss Barnett reports that the new appropriation bill for the Department of Agriculture as presented yesterday to the House reduces the total amount for the Library statutory salaries by \$2440 and reduces the amount for the General Expenses by \$600. In lieu of 13 positions on the statutory roll ranging from \$840 to \$1080 the statutory roll in the new bill provides for six new higher positions as follows: 2 at \$1800, 2 at \$1600 and 2 at \$1400. The total number of positions on the statutory roll has been reduced from 32 to 26. This would be an advantage if the fund for the General Expenses





had been increased but unfortunately, as stated above, this was decreased by \$600. It is hoped that the Senate will provide some relief. If it does not, the Library will have to beg the bureaus for help next year in carrying some Library salaries.

*Prepared by Miss Beckwith*

1871  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. [Name]

Wm. H. [Name]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

News Letter

Vol. 9, no. 2, Feb. 17, 1921

Miss Hawks is in New York this week in order to meet her sister, Miss Clara Hawks, who has been traveling in Europe for several months. While waiting for the steamer to arrive, Miss Hawks has been visiting a number of libraries.

Two new assistants on the staff of the Main Library are Mrs. R. Kent Beattie of Washington, D. C. and Miss Helen M. Bishop of Guilford, Conn. Mrs. Beattie will be with us for only a few months. Miss Bishop's appointment is permanent. She will have charge of the foreign mailing lists.

Mr. Charles Loven of the Periodical Division, Main Library, has resigned.

S. R. S. Library is glad to report that Miss Anna Howard is very much improved. She has left the hospital and is living at the Allies Inn, 1703 New York Ave., where she will doubtless be glad to receive any inquiring friends. She hopes to be back at work before very long.

Mrs. Ruby Edmunds, who has been in S. R. S. Library for several months, has now been permanently appointed.

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The Main Library and some of the Bureau chiefs have received letters from Miss Adelaide Hasse asking them for an article describing the resources and research activities of the respective libraries, for publication in Special Libraries. Miss Hasse's tact in addressing the Bureau chiefs, and thus calling attention to the existence of the Bureau Library is greatly appreciated by some.

Mr. Waldo Gifford Leland of the Carnegie Institution of Washington Dept. of Historical Research, will give an illustrated lecture on Archives and Archive Buildings, at the next regular meeting of the D. C. Library Association, to be held in the lecture room of the Public Library at 8 o'clock, Thursday, Feb. 24, 1921.

Three interesting publications of the Department issued recently, are Dept. Circular 150, Statistical data compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates, covering the years 1863-1920, a helpful index for librarians, Dept. Circular 148 on the Farm Woman's problems, and an Agricultural Almanac for 1921, compiled from sources within the Dept. and attractively illustrated. We think the Department almanac is superior to the almanac recently published by the Bureau of Mines.

The Bureau of Crop Estimates was honored by a visit from the State Extension Directors, Feb. 3d, during their meeting at Washington. After an address to them by Mr. Leon M. Estabrook, Statistician and Chief of the Bureau, they visited the Library where the Bureau and Library had an exhibit of the Bureau's publications, also typed and photo-stat tables; also a number of the more important domestic and foreign periodicals which are received regularly in the Library.



CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 17, 1911

This paper is in the form of a letter to the editor, and is not intended to be a contribution to the literature of the subject. It is a personal communication, and is not intended to be a contribution to the literature of the subject.

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Under the caption "List of books received in the Bureau Library", Chemistry Library has been asked to prepare each month a notice for the "Monthly Review of the Bureau of Chemistry" compiled by the Office of Cooperation. This Office exists to promote harmony between the Federal Government and the States in carrying out the food and drug laws. Each state has its own separate law, many very similar to the Federal Act, but the Bureau of Chemistry can exercise only supervision over foods and drugs entering interstate or foreign commerce, or made, sold or offered for sale in the District of Columbia or Territories of U. S.

The Monthly Review, of a somewhat confidential nature, consists of about fifty mimeographed sheets, and has a circulation of 500, including all Federal, State and some city officials, but no trade organizations.

This list of recent books will be especially appreciated by workers in remote places who find it difficult to learn of new publications. In January 1921(?) a list of 70 was sent to members of the Field Stations of Bureau of Chemistry. It included those purchased within the past two years with annotations of first editions. This is to be published also in the February Monthly Review, and important titles of 1920 have been added to bring it up to date.

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Each issue of the Monthly News Letter of the Bureau of Entomology will contain hereafter a list of new books compiled by the Librarian of that Bureau.

The Bureau of Markets Library contributes approximately one page each week to the Bureau News which is published weekly.

The Office of the Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables of the Bureau of Markets during the past three years has been making observations and conducting experiments on the methods of storing various fruits and vegetables at such low temperatures as are commonly used in the freezing of fish, meat and poultry. The procedure is simple. It is used chiefly for berries, such as strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, gooseberries, currants and sour cherries. They are frozen in the crates in which they are marketed at temperatures from 10 degrees F. to zero or below. Only sound fruit should be frozen. It should be understood that none of the above mentioned fruit can be eaten as fresh. Upon thawing they become water-logged and the tissue collapses. They should, therefore, be used immediately in cooking or in frozen dishes even before all the ice is melted. When promptly and properly made into pies, preserves, jellies and confectionery or when frozen again into ice-cream the frozen fruits are very palatable and in very way comparable to the best fresh products.

The Bureau of Markets Library has just received from the Division of Fruits and Vegetables two very beautiful publications. (One is entitled "Handbook of the Diseases of Vegetables Occurring under Market Storage and Transit Conditions" and the other "Handbook of the Diseases of Fruits Occurring Under the Same Conditions". They are profusely illustrated with actual colored photographs in which the vegetables or fruits appear almost as though they were lying on the page.) This work was done in the Bureau of Plant Industry in cooperation with the Bureau of Markets and the volumes which are very expensive, being valued at \$160. are really only loaned to the Bureau of Markets Library. Miss Lacy considers them very precious





but will be glad to display their beauties to any of the Bureau librarians who are interested.

The third number of the Library's Bibliographical Contributions is now being stenciled at the Division of Publications, and will be distributed soon. It is a check list of the publications of the Bureau of Plant Industry and the Bureaus and Offices which combined to form that Bureau. The list was compiled by Miss Jessie Allen of the Plant Industry Library.

The second number of the Bibliographical Contributions will appear after the third has been issued. It will be a check list of the publications on Plant Pathology issued by the state agricultural experiment stations. This list is nearly ready to be stenciled, and it is hoped that it will be ready for distribution before the end of the fiscal year. A subject index is being prepared for this and the Check list of publications of the Dept. of Agriculture on Plant Pathology, which was No. 1 of the Bibliographical Contributions.

The current list of phytopathological literature which has been published in Phytopathology has been discontinued because of the cost of printing. It has been decided, therefore, to circulate the current mimeographed list of botanical literature issued by Plant Industry every two weeks to all botanical workers who request it. At present this list is circulated to about 150 workers outside the Dept. It is expected that the circulation will more than double when the state- that it may be obtained on request, appears in the journal of Phytopathology.

Prepared by Miss Crowther.



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Vol. 9, no. 13, March 24, 1921.

The Agricultural History Society will hold its annual meeting Friday, March 25th, at 8 P.M. in the Lecture Hall of the Public Library. Dr. R. H. True of the University of Pennsylvania will deliver the President's address. The Committee of the Washington Local Section will make a Progress Report on an Agricultural History museum.

The Pratt Institute Library School and The New York Public Library School will visit the Department Library on March 30th; The Pratt in the morning and the N. Y. Public in the afternoon.

The New York State Library School will make its visit on April 6th in the afternoon.

Dr. Alsberg, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry has been appointed director of the Food Research Institute which is to be established at Leland Stanford University by the Carnegie Corporation. He will assume his new work on July 1. There is a very interesting account of this institute, too long for quotation here, in the Northwestern Miller of March 16, 1921.

A new assistant in the Main Library is Miss Katharine Jacobs, of Washington, D.C. Miss Jacobs comes to us from the Library of Congress where she has worked in the Catalogue division. For the last two years she has catalogued American doctoral dissertations and has compiled the lists of these works issued by the Library of Congress.

Miss Bishop of Connecticut, has also recently joined the Library staff. She has taken over Miss Marion Johnson's work on the Foreign Mailing List.

There was issued today the first number of what might be called the Department's daily newspaper. The title of it is "Daily Digest - A summary of news particularly of an economic character bearing upon the work of the Department, as obtained from the Library's daily accessions." It is prepared in the Library of the Department with the cooperation of the Director of Information (Office of the Secretary) and of the Bureaus. The compiler is Mrs. Susan Hunter Walker, who has recently been appointed to a position in this Library to do this special piece of work. She formerly prepared the Daily Information Digest which was issued by the Council of National Defense. The latter was discontinued when Congress passed a law according to which the Council of National Defense goes out of existence at the end of the present fiscal year. The Daily Digest of the Department was started to meet the needs of the Secretary for a resume in condensed form of the day's news and of all important articles in the current periodicals bearing upon the work of the Department. The emphasis of the Digest will be on economic matters but it is also planned to include other matter of special interest to the Department. The cooperation of the bureau libraries in the compilation of this Digest will be appreciated. The Librarian would be especially glad to have criticisms and suggestions in order that the Digest may be made as useful as possible.

*Prepared by Miss M. J. Hunter*



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News Letter

Vol. 9, no. 14, April 21, 1921.

The New York State Library School visited the Department Library April 6. Miss Barnett greeted the class and gave a short talk on the development and work of the Library after which there was a private view of some reels of the moving pictures of the Department. The class was divided into three groups to make the tour, in order to make it more interesting for the pupils and easier for the cicerones. One group visited the Main Library, while the other two visited the libraries of the Bureau of Plant Industry and the Bureau of Entomology.

Miss Caroline B. Sherman has written an article which appears in the April number of the NATION under the title, "Uncle Sam Umpires" and the RECLAMATION RECORD for April contains another article from her pen, "Taking the Mystery out of Marketing." A forthcoming number of the SURVEY will print two more articles on marketing.

Miss Anna Dewees, formerly of the Library of Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, has lately come to the Library. For the present she is doing some work in the Catalog Room of the Main Library and part of the time she spends in the Office of Farm Management.

Miss White of the Main Library, has resigned to go to the Office of the Internal Revenue.

Miss O. L. Evans has been appointed librarian of the Bureau of Public Roads. Miss Evans was asst. adviser on exhibits in the Dept. of publicity, Amer. Red Cross, prior to coming to Roads. She has had previous experience in legislative ref. work in Wisconsin, Connecticut, Ohio and West Virginia.

The new room in the basement which the Dept. Library acquired this winter is now nearly filled with books. The door of this room opens on the public hall and will probably have to be kept locked. It will not, therefore, be so convenient for use as other parts of the Library, for which reason it was difficult to decide what classes should be placed there. It was finally decided to take from the classes 286 to 299 all the periodicals, this includes a large number of trade periodicals. The separate books in these classes are kept in their former place. We have taken this opportunity to put into these classes certain trade periodicals dealing with dairy products, milling and tobacco, which have for a long time been destined for this, but which we have never had opportunity to change before. With the space thus gained upstairs Miss Barnett hopes to be able to arrange some changes in the Reading and Reference rooms which will make them pleasanter working places.

The circulation of the DAILY DIGEST has appreciably increased the use of the periodicals in the Bureau of Markets by its timely and valuable services in pointing out the articles of current interest. Daily the number of special requests for periodicals is growing and the Library is endeavoring to keep statistics of the magazines circulated because of the Digest. It has already proven that there is a definite need for just the information which it supplies currently. While each bureau and division receives the periodicals of primary interest to them, the Digest keeps everyone posted about the things of general interest to the Department and



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often points out items of special value hidden in the very general publications. Several offices have been so pleased with the help rendered by the DAILY DIGEST that they have written letters of appreciation to Miss Barnett.

Bibliographical contribution no. 3: A check list of the publications issued by the Bureau of Plant Industry and the offices which combined to form this bureau, compiled by Miss Jessie Allen has now been issued. It is a chronological list of the Bureau publications from 1901-1920, and of the offices and division which combined to form the bureau, 1862-1901. 500 copies have been made of which 250 have been distributed.

The women of the Department, through Miss Oberly, contributed \$120.00 toward the purchase of the gramme of radium for Mme. Curie.

*L M Thompson*



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

News Letter

Vol. 9, no. 5, May 19, 1921.

It is fortunate that the meeting this afternoon could be held in this room, [Markets conference room] for the Library Reference Room is decidedly unavailable. The partition dividing it and the Reading Room, from the book room was knocked down this morning, and plaster and dust make the place uninhabitable. We hope that the books and most of the furniture were sufficiently covered so that they are not very dirty. The partitions of the Loan Desk Room have not been disturbed. Some of the double faced wooden book cases have been placed in the Reading and Reference Rooms, making a sort of alcove arrangement in the dark corner. The Dept. of Agriculture and State Station publications have been placed here. The reference books are to go on the first row of steel cases and on some wooden cases put in front of and parallel to them. Just at present these books are on empty shelves in the stacks and are not very accessible. Miss Trolinger's desk has been moved into the cataloguers' room, and the space which she occupied there will be part of the Reading Room. Miss Barnett hopes that there will be two advantages from the change - First the additional light from the extra windows which will be included in the Reading Room (Miss Trolinger's windows) and, second a better entrance to the Library. From the hall door one will now look directly into the Reading Room, instead of into a sort of dark alley as heretofore.

There has also been some rearrangement of the Periodical work room, which results in better lighting for the bindery desks and a more convenient arrangement of book cases and filing cases.

We have the report from Miss Colcord that; vol. 2 of the Index to the Literature of American Economic Entomology, 1915-1919 inclusive, compiled in the Bureau of Entomology, under the direction of Miss Colcord is just out. It is a volume of 388 pages, contains some 32,000 references to Economic Entomology and is published by the American Association of Economic Entomologists.

Markets Library has taken possession of another room, formerly used for the telephone exchange. The periodical room has extended its shelf space and the files have been rearranged. There has been a general spring cleaning and the library is prepared to receive all visitors and workers.

A tentative list is given of those who will attend the A.L.A. Conference at Swampscott, on June 20th. From the Main Library Miss Barnett, Miss Wilkins, Miss Carpenter, Miss Davis, Miss Endicott, and Miss Jacobs. From Markets Miss Lacy and Miss Barnes; Miss Oberly from Plant Industry Library, Miss Gericke from States Relation Service Library and Miss Evans from the Bureau of Roads.

The Civil Service Commission announces the following examinations. For June 22d, Examination for Library aid and Scientific Assistant in library science. For June 23d, Library assistant, salary ranging from \$1,000 to 1,400 a year; Research Librarian (Digesting) salary ranging from 1,800 to 2,400 a year, and Research Librarian (cataloguing) salary \$1,800 to \$2,400 a year.







Miss Ethel Lacy has given us an interesting account of what Miss Wead's work will be in China. "Miss Katherine H. Wead sailed May 12 for the University of Nanking, Nanking, China. She goes under a cooperative arrangement between the Dept. of Agriculture and the Univ. of Nanking, and will be gone, probably 18 months or 2 years. Part of the time is to be spent learning the language with which to direct the indexing of agricultural books. Chinese books are not indexed at all, but contain a great deal of valuable information which is almost inaccessible to foreigners. Dr. Gale in Seoul, Korea has done something along this line for philosophical works, and Miss Wead is to stop in Seoul in order to study his methods, and will also visit several other libraries in Japan. The Univ. of Nanking has a large library of western books, and a growing collection of Chinese books which they wish catalogued along the lines of the Chinese collection at the Library of Congress. Incidentally Miss Wead will collect information on specific plants, and on Chinese books for sale, - this latter with a view to assisting both the Univ. and the Dept. in possible future purchases."

The following note was taken from the A.L.A. Bulletin for May. "The president of the A.L.A. has appointed Miss Wead a member of the sub-committee on library work in the Far East of the A.L.A. committee on library co-operation with other countries. "





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News Letter

Vol. 9, no. 16, June 9, 1921.

The Reading Room at the Main Library is getting into shape now, and we hope every one is going to like it. There is certainly more air and light in it. The catalogue was moved yesterday from its two straight lines of cases back to back, to three groups of four cases each, two backed up against other two, and at right angles to their former position. We think these present a handsome appearance, but the miscellaneous cases, of which there are several, which must go somewhere, present a problem, which Miss Barnett is at work upon. It is hard to make them look artistic in any combination which has yet been worked out, unless two or three of them are left out. Perhaps a prize will be offered for the best arrangement.

The window boxes at the Main Library have been put in place by the greenhouse force. We consider them very handsome this year, and evidently others do too, for a passerby came in to inquire what plants were used, and said they were the finest ones he had seen in the United States.

Miss Margaret Davis has been temporarily appointed to the Main Library as a Library Aid.

Miss Elsie E. Johnson has been given a temporary appointment for three months, beginning June 16, in the Bureau of Markets Library. Miss Johnson has been in the Los Angeles Public Library for a year or more and is now visiting at Chautauqua, N.Y.

Miss Hawes of the Bureau of Entomology Library has recently undergone a very successful operation for appendicitis. She is doing exceptionally well and hopes to be able to return to the office during the early part of July.

Miss Allen of the Bureau of Plant Industry had the misfortune to break an ankle bone. She will probably have to be away from the office for more than a month.

Miss Sherman of the Bureau of Plant Industry Library has been spending half of each day in Mr. Swingle's Office, working with his photostat material, cataloguing it and putting it into shape.

Miss Oberly will leave next Tuesday for the A.L.A. meeting and will be away for a month. Miss Pidgeon will be in charge of the Bureau of Plant Industry Library during Miss Oberly's absence.

News Note- for A.L.A. delegates. At Pasternak's, one of Washington's most exclusive suit shops, may be found a modest blue Georgette blouse trimmed in "Gem paper clips" and colored floss. Price \$35.00.

The American Medical Association is a non-profit corporation organized for the purpose of promoting the interests of the medical profession and the public. It is the largest and most influential organization of its kind in the United States. The Association's primary concern is the advancement of the medical profession and the improvement of the medical service to the public. It does this by publishing the Journal of the American Medical Association, which is one of the most important medical journals in the world. The Association also sponsors a variety of other activities, including the holding of annual meetings, the publication of books and pamphlets, and the support of medical research.

The Association's membership is open to all physicians who are duly licensed and who are engaged in the practice of medicine. The Association's membership is divided into several classes, including the regular membership, the life membership, and the honorary membership. The Association's membership is one of the most important factors in its success.

The Association's headquarters are located in the American Medical Association Building, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. The Association's telephone number is 3-1111.

The Association's journal, the Journal of the American Medical Association, is published weekly. It is one of the most important medical journals in the world. The journal contains a wide variety of articles, including original research, clinical reports, and reviews. The journal is read by physicians all over the world.

The Association's annual meeting is one of the most important events in the medical profession. It is held in a different city each year. The meeting is attended by thousands of physicians from all over the world. The meeting is a great opportunity for physicians to learn about the latest developments in medicine and to meet with their colleagues.

The Association's books and pamphlets are one of the most important sources of information for physicians. They contain a wide variety of information, including the latest research in medicine and the latest developments in medical practice. The books and pamphlets are available to all members of the Association.

The Association's support of medical research is one of the most important factors in its success. It has sponsored a wide variety of research projects, including the study of the causes of disease and the development of new treatments. The Association's support of research has led to many important discoveries in medicine.

The Association's efforts to improve the medical service to the public are one of the most important factors in its success. It has sponsored a wide variety of activities, including the holding of conferences and the publication of books and pamphlets. The Association's efforts have led to many important improvements in the medical service to the public.

The Association's success is the result of the efforts of its members and its staff. The Association is a great organization and it is proud to be a part of it. The Association's success is a testament to the dedication and hard work of its members and its staff.



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Newsletter

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The Department Library still has something of a hard luck story, although an item on the other side is that several higher salaried positions were added to the statutory list on July 1st, allowing a general increase in the salary scale. On the other hand, more than the money equivalent of these increases was deducted in lower positions, and the lump sum was not, as had been hoped, increased. Our staff must, therefore, be reduced in numbers or paid from the lump sum, thus diminishing the amount available for books. Either alternative is greatly to be deplored. For this reason, on July 1st we were obliged to part with several temporary assistants whose help was greatly needed. In addition, Mrs. Nichols resigned to resume her studies. And we have had at least two other bad scares in regard to the loss of other members of the staff who, fortunately for us, have decided to stay. We should be glad if another one which we are now undergoing would end in the same way.

Mr. Eugene Upton has been employed temporarily during his college vacation as an assistant at the Periodical Desk. Miss Mabel G. Hunt and Miss Elsa A. Needham are new appointees to the staff. Miss Hunt is at present assisting at the Loan Desk and Miss Needham at the Periodical Desk.

Miss Ogden was able to come to our aid for two months this summer, her largest piece of work being the editing of the Daily Digest for three weeks while Mrs. Walker was on vacation.

There was sent to the printer in June, copy for a revision of Library Bulletin 75 (List of current periodicals received in the Department Library), the revision being prepared by Miss Olcott. The proof is just coming back now, and the plan is to enlarge the scope of the bulletin by adding a separate list of the current serials (annual reports, transactions, etc), combining both the periodical and serial titles in a subject list and a geographical list at the end. Work is now in progress on the list of serials, and it at present keeps us busy. Miss Allen has been kind enough to give half a day to this work for us for several weeks. Miss Wilkins is taking advantage of this going over of the serial list to send for late numbers of many of the serials, and this, of course, takes much time but is work that will be most helpful. One reason for deciding to include the serials was the request of the National Research Council for both periodicals and serials for a contemplated union list of periodical publications received in the District libraries. It would be necessary to do the work for this list. While it might seem that the publication of the National Research Council's list would do away with the necessity for ours, Miss Barnett thought



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that ours would be very useful, especially to workers in the Department who would not have the union list. Also, we do not know when the Research Council's list will appear, and the periodical list had already been prepared and sent to the printer.

The Reading Room has undergone several additional changes during the summer, but they are minor ones, and really nothing compared with ones that Miss Barnett has thought of. The catalogue now is arranged by threes instead of twos - two lots of six cases each, three cases in a row, back to back. It being necessary to separate them by the width of the pillar, a letter file case has been placed neatly between the rows at the other end from the pillar. We feel sure that you will admire this. The state station publications are temporarily down in the stacks where no one can find them, but as soon as Alice returns from her vacation we expect to change the books in the Reading Room all around again, and bring the Station publications back to a place of prominence.

Reference work, always popular, is becoming even more so since the receipt of three boxes of candy and one handkerchief this year by the persons in charge. Dollar bills have been refused as unprofessional, but that was before the war. If offered now, who can say what might happen?

The Public Roads Library has taken over another room and is fitting it up with new shelves.

Miss Marie E. Fisher of the Farm Management Library, has been detailed to the Library of the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates. Miss Fisher will be in charge of the Periodical Desk in the Bureau library.

Miss Jessie Callan, who has been in charge of the Periodical Desk in the Bureau of Markets Library since last October, resigned September 1st to take the position of assistant librarian in the library of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Bureau of Plant Industry library has provided a guestbook, which is kept on the reading room table, and each visitor from outside of Washington and local guest of note, is asked to inscribe his name, residence, and title. Since the middle of June there have been three visitors from Japan, two from Russia, one each from Canada, China, Belgium, England, Rio de Janeiro, and India, as well as several from this country.

*Prepared by  
Miss Hawks & Miss Sherfy*

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Miss Maude Montgomery was one of our temporary assistants during the summer. Miss Montgomery came especially for experience, as she was appointed to take charge of the agricultural library of the Iowa State College, to which position she went from here. She has previously worked in the College library, and this last year had been taking a library course at Pratt Institute.

A new temporary appointee to the main Library is Mrs. Louise R. Joseph, who is at present assisting at the Loan Desk and doing copying for the list of serials.

We are sorry to announce that Miss Endicott, who has had charge of the binding since Miss Swart left last year, although one of our "new members", has resigned and is going to the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh. Mr. Cowles is taking charge of the binding.

The main Reading Room is still in process of change. You will have an opportunity to see its state for yourselves, but it is not worth while for you to take many notes on the position of books, as you will only have to unlearn them soon.

Work on the printed list of periodicals and serials is still progressing slowly as time permits. Proof of the periodical list is all back and we hope soon to have the serial list ready to send.

Beginning with the list of October the Department Library has discontinued making slips for circulation for new numbers of continuations received. It is hoped that this may help to bring the cataloguing of these publications up to date. We are very much behind on it. Slips will still be made for the first number received of a series not previously received in the Library, and for new numbers of works coming out in parts.

The beginning of the Educational Courses offered by the Department is of interest to us all, whether we are able to enroll for any of the classes or not. The class in agricultural economics has already begun, and so, perhaps have the others. From the official point of view, the question is how much the Library, with its limited funds, can do in supplying books of reference which are being called for for these classes. Some of the funds from the fees of the students are promised for the books on economics, which will be a great help in meeting this need. It is a question whether these books should not be reserved for use in the Library, instead of being allowed to circulate.





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Since our last meeting the Library has met with an irreparable loss in the death on November 5 of Miss Eunice R. Oberly, Librarian of the Bureau of Plant Industry. A memorial to her has been prepared by Miss Barnett.

The Department Library has a new assistant, Miss Fay Tunison, who has been in library work at Long Beach, California, for a number of years. Miss Tunison is at present working in our Cataloguing department.

Miss Katherine Upton is away for about a month on account of a minor surgical operation, from which she is recovering satisfactorily.

Miss Warner of the Bureau of Plant Industry has just gone to Florida, where she will stay with her father and mother until about the first of February.

The Library feels that it now has a little part in the Limitation of Armaments Conference, since it has been asked to supply to the Secretary's Office each day a brief digest of the opinions of the agricultural press on the progress and policies of the conference. Mrs. Joseph is going over the agricultural papers each day. She has already done this for two days.

Several reports of progress might be made on things previously mentioned in News Letters, but it may tire you to hear them touched upon every time, and we will wait until there is something very definite to report on them.

Dr. H. C. Taylor, Chief of the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, has very generously given to the Library the fees from his class in agricultural economics, to be used in strengthening the Library's collection of books on economic subjects. The amount is \$150. This addition to the Library's funds will be of great assistance.

The Library had a visit recently from Mr. H. Kirke Swann, a zoologist and also Manager of the firm of English bookdealers, Wheldon & Wesley. In former years the Library purchased many of its English and some other foreign books from the firm of Wesley & Son and received very good service but during the war this firm was so broken up that they were unable to fill orders. They have now combined with the firm of Wheldon and we expect to resume ordering of them again.

The Library has given a list of its missing German periodicals for the war years to Mr. A. G. Kaysan, of the McCormick Library, Chicago, who is on a visit to Germany where he has business connections. It is possible that he may be able to assist us in completing some of our sets but we are not too sanguine in regard to the matter.

CHICAGO, ILL.

JULY 2, 1911

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the matter of the Chicago and North Western Railway Company.

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It has been decided to consolidate the libraries of the former Bureau of Markets, the former Bureau of Crop Estimates, and the Office of Farm Management & Farm Economics, with the economic material in the Department Library, to be operated as the Economics Section of the Department Library. The periodical work of the Bureau of Markets and the Office of Farm Management has already been combined, and the circulation is now handled from one desk. Bids are being asked for the metal shelving needed, in order to have it ready when space is definitely assigned, on one of the floors of the Bieber Building.

*Prepared by Miss Hawks.*

